



Name of Property:	Platt National Park
City, State:	Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Sulphur, Oklahoma
Significant Dates:	1933-1940
NHL Criteria:	1 and 4
NHL Theme:	III. Expressing Cultural Values 5. Landscape Architecture, Architecture and Urban Design VII. Transforming the Environment 3. Protecting and Preserving the Environment
Previous Recognition:	Consensus Determination of Eligibility
National Historic Context:	1994 "Historic Park Landscapes in National and State Parks, 1916-1942," Multiple Property Submission 1986 <i>Architecture in the Parks National Historic Landmark Theme Study</i> 1998 <i>Wilderness by Design: Landscape Architecture and the National Park Service</i>
NHL Significance:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The park landscape is a tangible manifestation of the Federal policies in conservation, outdoor recreation, and national resource planning that were central to the Federal government's response to the Great Depression under President Franklin D. Roosevelt.• Platt's landscape illustrates the results of one of the most cohesive and intensive programs of master planning and landscape conservation carried out in the national parks through the collaboration of the National Park Service and Civilian Conservation Corps during the New Deal.• Platt National Park is an outstanding representation of the principles and practices of



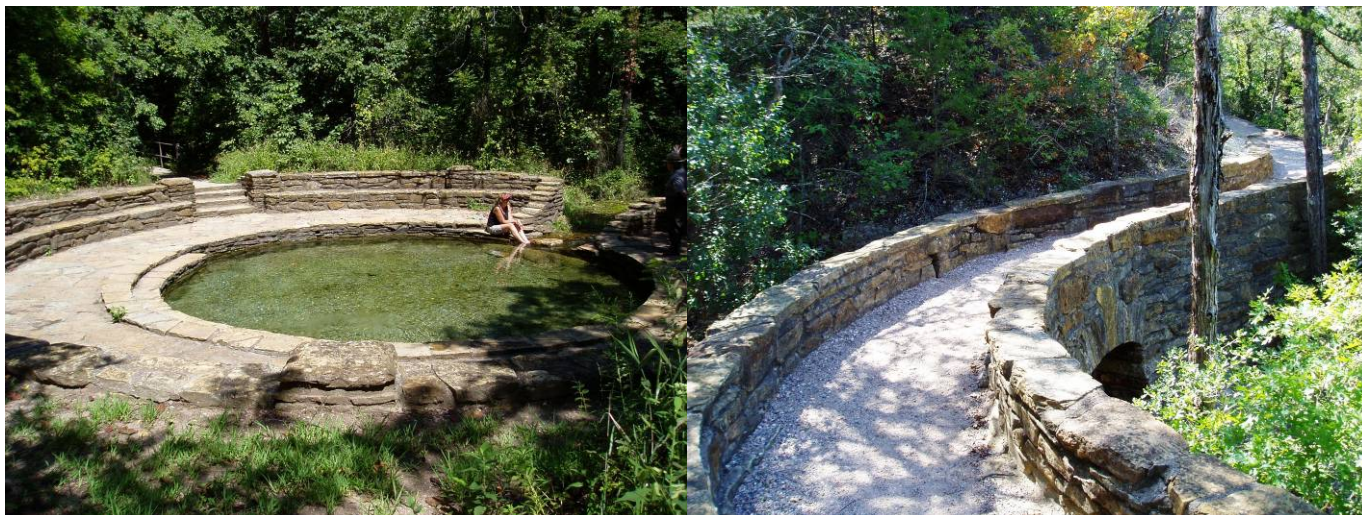
twentieth-century landscape design especially as they applied to the stabilization and enhancement of the highly prized springs and streams of one national park.

- Platt demonstrates the essential role of the landscape architecture profession in efforts by the National Park Service to fulfill its dual mandate to provide lands for the enjoyment and use by the general public while preserving the outstanding features of the national parks unimpaired for future generations.

Integrity:

- With few exceptions, a high degree of historic integrity of location, design, setting, workmanship, materials, feeling, and association is apparent in plantings of native trees and shrubs, manmade constructions of native stone, and the overall plan of roads, trails, and recreational areas.
- The park landscape continues to reflect the extensive, unifying program of reforestation and landscape conservation that transformed the well-worn and eroded landscape into a tranquil and highly scenic “oasis” during the New Deal.
- Platt retains excellent historic integrity as a New Deal landscape because of the durability of its 1930s design, and an exceptionally strong staff tradition of maintenance and upkeep.
- The park’s scenic and recreational attributes have endured, and today visitors continue to experience and appreciate the springs, streams, waterfalls, swimming holes, picnic areas, and campgrounds.

Owner of Property: National Park Service



Acreage of Property: 848 acres

Origins of Nomination: The Chickasaw National Recreation Area sponsored this nomination with the support of the Santa Fe office of the National Park Service's Intermountain Region.

Potential for Positive Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program:

- The history and cultural values of Platt National Park are fully integrated into the interpretive mission and resource management process of the Chickasaw National Recreation Area. Designation will increase the public's appreciation and enjoyment of the historic park landscape and its many water features.

Potential for Negative Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program: None known.

Landmarks Committee Comments:

Landmarks Committee Recommendation: Designation. Mr. Hoyos moved, Dr. Stevens seconded; unanimous approval.

Public Comments Favoring Designation (comments received as of 11/03/10):

Phyllis Myers, Program Manager, Sulphur Main Street, Inc.
 Bob L. Blackburn, State Historic Preservation Office, Oklahoma
 Katie McLaughlin Friddle, Executive Director, Preservation Oklahoma
 Billy Frank Lance, Chairman, Murray County Commissioners, Sulphur, Oklahoma
 Charles L. Leider, Ph.D., FASLA, AICP, Professor, Oklahoma State University
 Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma
 Dr. Bill Bryans, Associate Professor, Director, Public History Program, Oklahoma State University

Advisory Board Recommendation: